

BLACK HER — STORY MONTH

ILLUMINATING THE GIFTS OF BLACK WOMEN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2017 ESSAY CONTEST

SUBJECT LIST

Marian Anderson | Ida B. Wells-Barnett | Mary McLeod Bethune |
Misty Copeland | Ava DuVernay | Lorraine Hansberry | Fannie Lou Hamer |
Toni Morrison | Michelle Obama | Sojourner Truth | Serena Williams

CONTEST GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 13

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL: ESSAY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 350—500 WORDS. ESSAY MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:
What are/were the subjects gifts to United States, and how did she influence or help change our society?
What personal traits and skills of the subject do you admire, and how do these traits inspire your own life and goals?

HIGH SCHOOL: ESSAY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 500—700 WORDS: ESSAY MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:
What are/were the subjects gifts to America, and how did she influence or help change our society?
What personal traits and skills of the subject do you admire, and how do these traits inspire your own life and goals?
What are some of the ways that "her-story", can motivate others to change?

The essay must be the original work of the student. The essay must include a cover sheet containing the following information: (1) Essay Title
(2) Student's name (first, last), (3) email address, (4) telephone number (5) school attending, (6) grade level. The essays will be judged on the following criteria:
(1) creativity, (2) cultural knowledge, (3) structure and clarity (spelling/grammar/punctuation). Please revise and review your entry before submission.

First, second, and third place award will be given to students in Elementary (4-6), Middle (7-8), High School (9-12). First place winners will receive 16GB iPad Air 2.
Second place \$100.00 Third Place \$75

To submit essay electronically email to: bhmessaycontest@bloomington.in.gov

Mail submissions to Black History Month Essay Contest, Safe & Civil City Program P.O. Box 100 Bloomington, Indiana, 47402.

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